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SUBJECT: BELGIAN REACTION TO RECENT EC AGRICULTURE MINISTERS
MEETING

1. BELGIAN PRESS REACTED STRONGLY TO FAILURE OF RECENT EC
AGRICULTURE MINISTERS MEETING PLACING ENTIRE BLAME ON UNCOMPRO-
MISING BRITISH ATTITUDE, AND LATTER'S DESIRE TO HAVE EC PAY
ENTIRE COST OF HIGHER FOOD AND
AGRICULTURAL PRICES, WHILE NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DROP
IN VALUE OF POUND. PRESS ALSO QUESTIONED BRITAIN'S READINESS
TO FULLY ACCEPT CAP AND ITS
CONSEQUENCES. SOME PRESS SPECULATION SUGGESTS BRITAIN MAY
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HAVE TAKEN HARD LINE TO DEMONSTRATE DESIRE TO IMPROVE HER
ECONOMY AND THUS RECEIVE
LARGE IMF LOANS.

2. BELGIAN AGRICULTURAL MINISTER, LAVENS RECEIVED HIGH MARKS
FOR HIS REPORTED EFFORTS AND WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE ON
SEVERAL ISSUES, ESPECIALLY DURING CURRENT BELGIAN ELECTION

PERIOD. REACTION BY FARM ORGANIZATIONS FAIRLY MILD THUS FAR.

3. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE BELGIAN MOA WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT SOME TYPE OF AGREEMENT WAS NOT REACHED, ESPECIALLY SINCE EIGHT OTHER PARTNERS HAD REACHED CONSENSUS. IN ADDITION, FEELING SEEMS TO EXIST THAT COMMISSION DID NOT PUSH HARD ENOUGH FOR AN AGREEMENT. CURRENT THINKING IS THAT BRITAIN WILL EVENTUALLY ACCEPT PROPOSALS AGREED TO BY OTHER EC PARTNERS WITH MINOR CHANGES.RENNER

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